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## LAST OF FORT SMITH.

### Tearing Down the Wall, Which Has Stood Since 1842.

One by one the old landmarks are being torn away to make room for modern improvements in keeping with the age of progress. The old historic houses are dropping out of the arena of public gaze. The old landmarks are by one means or another being fast obliterated. It is with regret that many of them go, but possibly the tearing down of the last strip of wall of the old fort, which has been left standing near the federal jail, has caused more regret than the obliterating of any other historic building in the city.

This fort was built in the year 1842, or commenced at that time, but was never entirely finished. Before it was completed the department at Washington concluded that there was no use for a fort at this place and had the work stopped. There was an older fort at the time this one was commenced, but some parties who wanted a fat government contract persuaded the Washington officials that a fort was necessary, and a contract was let for the building of it.

At that time Fort Smith was a military post and a large force of men were kept here to prevent uprisings among the Indians and to keep them from all manner of depredations. There had been no trouble for a long time and no soldiers were needed here and no fort was necessary for the protection of property and life.

The fort was never occupied and stood for years as a silent reminder of the days of Indians and the time when grand Fort Smith of today was only a small trading post and a military camp. Finally a portion of the wall was torn down to make way for the government buildings which occupy that site, and later more of the rock wall was removed, and the last few years all that remained of that large and massive fortification was about twenty feet of rock, which had remained unmo-lested.

At the base the wall was about four feet thick and gradually tapered to a width of about two feet, and was built of fine sand-stone rock carefully laid. At every two feet in the wall was a rifle port-hole, through which the soldiers could fire their rifles at approaching Indians, but they were never used for that purpose.

In a few days all that will be left of that structure will be a few loose rock that have fallen around where the base rested on the earth. As the workmen tore down the wall and loaded the large rocks in a wagon yesterday, quite a number stopped and watched the work, and many expressed the regret that at least that part of the fort was not allowed to stand, for it was quite an object of curiosity to strangers who visited the city and a landmark that all citizens took an interest in telling of its history.—Ft. Smith Times.

A St. Louis newspaper reporter has sued ex-Governor Stone for \$20,000 damages for chasing him down two flights of stairs. As it was a ten-story building it will be seen the governor narrowly escaped a \$100,000 damage suit.

## TERRITORY INDIAN POLICE.

### Complete Roll of the Territory—A Perfect Distribution.

Agent Shoenfelt, of the Union Agency, has completed the re-organization of the Indian police force, which, according to time, was due this summer. The location of several officers has been changed in order to more thoroughly cover the jurisdiction, and five new men appear on the rolls, one of whom, J. B. Pettit, was appointed to fill the place of his brother, who was killed. This really makes but four new appointments, so far as individuals are concerned, and shows that Mr. Shoenfelt thoroughly appreciates the good service of the force. The new appointments are marked with a star, and the following is the complete roll:

Captain, J. W. Ellis, South McAlester.  
Lieutenant, Alf McCay, South McAlester.  
Lieutenant, John C. West, Muskogee.  
Sergeant, B. F. Kell, Muskogee.  
Sergeant, Joseph Ward, Coal-gate.  
Sergeant, A. T. Akin, Westville.  
Private, John L. Brown, Vian.  
Private, John Childers, Claremore.  
Private, Geo. W. Elders, Braggs.  
Private, Shelly Keys, Coffeyville, Kansas.  
\*Private, J. B. Pettit, Edna, appointed to succeed his brother, who was killed.

\*Private, Arthur F. Chamberlin, Vinita.  
Private, Mose Chigley, Davis.  
Private, D. W. Garland, Chickasha.  
Private, J. Hamp Willis, Kingston.  
Private, Tandy Folsom, Durant.  
Private, C. W. Plummer, Lehigh.  
Private, John Simpson, Krebs.  
Private, B. J. Spring, San Bois.  
\*Private, Sidney Sage, Poteau.  
\*Private, J. H. Everidge, Grant.  
Private, Mose Jimison, Muskogee.  
Private, Ben McIntosh, Tuskegee.  
Private, C. R. Murphy, Choska.  
Private, Tom Randall, Morse.  
\*Private, Joe Smith, Thurman.  
Private, Jacob Harrison, Wewoka.

Among other matters in the letter which Mr. Shoenfelt sent to each officer when he forwarded the commission, the following clearly indicates the spirit actuating him as to the service of these men, and one cannot help thinking that each man will all the more try to faithfully do his duty:

"In reappointing you I have taken into consideration your past faithful service, and in reposing this special trust and confidence in your integrity and ability, I do so feeling that you will continue to faithfully preserve the peace, be obedient and energetic in suppressing crime, and keep this office at all times fully informed of persons unlawfully cutting, shipping or removing timber or prairie hay from the public domain, or committing any other unlawful acts."—Muskogee Phoenix.

The friends of W. T. Davis are assured of his election to the senate in Delaware district. The race seems to be between Pete Hastings and Tom Monroe.

W. R. BADGETT MER. CO'S.

## Annual Mid-Summer Clearing Sale,

Begins Wednesday and Closes Saturday this week.

We want to clean up every item of seasonable merchandise in every department of our store. We know what it takes to make a Special Sale attractive. Its low prices. Nothing else will induce increased buying at this season of the year. Therefore we have made the prices LOW, a fact we can demonstrate to your satisfaction if you will visit our store this week. We have bought no cheap trashy stuff to run in on the public during this sale, but have cut the price on our regular goods and every item we show is as good as can be bought for the price. Remember the dates.

W. R. Badgett Mer. Co.

## ST. LOUIS CATTLE MARKET.

### Recent Transactions by Territory Shippers.

B. F. Milstead, Afton, marketed a load of 715 pound mixed cattle at \$3.50 sold to the Mound City Packing Co.

W. A. Hall, Catoosa, had in 108 head 528 pound heifers that were bought by the St. Louis Dressed Beef Co. at \$3.30.

J. M. Daugherty of Catoosa, had several cars of cattle on the market consisting of 714 and 715 pound steers sold at \$3.30 to Nelson Morris & Co. and the St. Louis Dressed Beef Co. respectively.

W. A. Cantrell, Muskogee, was on the market with 541 pound heifers sold at \$3.20 and 768 pound steers at \$3.55.

Jim Cook, one of the infamous gang that terrorized the Cherokee country five years ago, has been appointed a deputy by Marshal Bennett. There is a question whether it is wisdom to appoint men of Cook's stamp to positions of this kind, and many criminologists of experience believe that it is the only way to reform criminals of this character. "Set a thief to catch a thief" is a popular theory in the territory, and it has resulted in the suppression of considerable crime and the capture of noted desperadoes.—South McAlester Capital.

The earnings of the Frisco for the second week in July amounted to \$125,120.41, showing an increase of \$16,818.89 over the corresponding week last year.

Muskogee indulged in a hanging today, and will have another one the 25th of next month.

School bonds at Purcell sold this week at two per cent premium.

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John C. Gray.

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